

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (New) A cosmetic container, comprising:

a container section provided with a cosmetic storage portion,

a lid section pivoted on a hinge at one end of said container section for vertical rotation for opening and closing said container section and releasably engaging the other end of said container section via a latch mechanism so as to retain said container section in a closed state, said lid section having a mirror attached on the undersurface thereof,

a replaceable decorative cover detachably attached on top of said lid section so as to replaceably cover the upper surface of said lid section,

said hinge comprising a pair of hinge pieces projecting from the end of said container section, a hinge block extending downward from the end of said lid section between said hinge pieces, and a hinge pin pivotably connecting said hinge pieces and said hinge block,

a first engaging mechanism and a second engaging mechanism being provided between said replaceable cover and said lid section so as to be releasably engaged with each other,

said first engaging mechanism being provided adjacent to said latch mechanism, and said second engaging mechanism being provided adjacent to said hinge,

said hinge block having a through-hole extending vertically through said lid section toward said replaceable cover fitted on said lid section and a dent formed on the side of said hinge block facing said mirror so as to surround said through-hole,

said second engaging mechanism having a handle extending downwardly from said replaceable cover through said through-hole and said lid section and exposing in said dent, said handle having a length sufficient to be resiliently deformable toward said dent and being provided with means releasably engaging with said lid section, said engaging means being

released when said handle is pushed toward said dent and said replaceable cover being removable from said lid section.